

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
GARDEN CITY, UTAH**

The Garden City Town Council held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at the Garden City Lakeview Building located at 69 N. Paradise Parkway, Building C. Council Member Warner opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Town Council Members present:

John Spuhler, Mayor
Pat Argyle
Chuck Stocking

Others Present:

Kathy Hislop
Bob Peterson
Nadeen Sprouse
Dallas Solum
Dave Cook
Melissa Spuhler
Mark Hislop

ROLL CALL

Mayor Spuhler asked for a roll call of Council Members present: Mayor Spuhler, Council Member Argyle, and Council Member Stocking.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSAL OF BONDING FOR A NEW RECREATION CENTER IN GARDEN CITY, UTAH

Mayor Spuhler said that this meeting is to hear public comment regarding the bonding for a new rec center in Garden City.

Mr. Peterson showed the presentation to the public. The presentation included the study and survey of what the community members wanted in this area. It also had the breakdown of costs for the rec center, the construction, maintenance, and labor costs. The presentation also included the draft design of the building, inside and outside.

After the presentation Mayor Spuhler turned the time over to the audience to ask questions. Some of the questions and comments were:

- If there was a deficit where would the funds come from to cover the deficit? *We could use money from the PPAL tax or the general fund to help cover the deficit.*
- Who was paid the \$5,000 for the analysis? *John Crandall, who is the bond attorney, was paid \$5,000 to help get everything ready for the election.*

- There was a concern for the project of this magnitude.
- How do we pay to operate and maintain the center? *User fees and if necessary the PPAL tax or the general fund.*
- This is based on a good economy. *Mayor Spuhler said that it's actually based on a bad economy and the revenue during a bad economy.*
- This will commit us to 20 years of higher taxes. *That will be determined by the voters who vote during the next election.*
- The operation and maintenance costs are high
- What is going to be the next project that will require more taxes.
- Everyone will be funding something that a few people will use.
- Is there a way to charge people to use it and not increase the property taxes to pay for the rec center?

Mr. Peterson went through the timeline, from the vote on the Resolution during the next Town Council meeting and the election in November.

Mayor Spuhler said that we are in good financial situation as a municipality. Mayor Spuhler said that people move here for the quality of life.

Mayor Spuhler said that people are coming to this area because there is something to do, even in the winter, and they want more services. Mayor Spuhler said that there are different opportunities for the community as the community grows. We want opportunities to keep our kids here in this area and not have to move away. Ms. Sprouse said that it is really hard to keep the kids here after they graduate.

Mr. Cook said that he feels the Council is catering to the people who can afford a second home and to the businesses that are trying to get the secondary homeowner here, not catering to the people that are just trying to live here.

Mayor Spuhler said that it will be up to the voter. He said that our community has a lot of different stakeholders, the employer, second homeowners, people who have lived here most of their lives, full time homeowners. There will be a lot of difference of opinion regarding the rec center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss Council Member Argyle made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Council Member Stocking seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Council Member Argyle, for; Council Member Stocking, for; Mayor Spuhler, for. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Attest:

John Spuhler, Mayor

Kathy Hislop, Town Clerk